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Images of the decade: Michael Jackson (clockwise from top left), Canadian troops in Afghanistan, the global economic collapse and the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Defining a difficult decade

Was it the decade when bankers' greed caused a worldwide financial meltdown, or will it be terrorism or technology that people associate with the first 10 years of the 21st century?

Opinions vary, with authors, journalists, comedians and futurists zeroing in on different facets of this decade. But most agree the era is more likely to be remembered as a toxic time than a golden age.

"I will remember it as a frightening decade," said Linden MacIntyre, longtime CBC journalist and 2009 winner of the Giller Prize, the country's top literary award.

The United States set the pessimistic tone early on and led the way on most of the issues that shaped the period, MacIntyre said.

The outcome of the 2000 election was controversial — George W. Bush won, but acrimony lingered — and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the U.S. proved to be a turning point. MacIntyre said 9-11 and the international reaction sparked a climate of fear that would persist for years to come.

It's a view shared by comedian Rick Mercer, who strove to give Canadians a break from the unrelenting negativity through his blistering political and social satire.

Calling the decade a time that people would "rather forget," Mercer said the paranoia that followed 9-11 was eventually succeeded by anxiety over the foundering global economy.

In Canada, the emergence of a strengthened Conservative party, coupled with the Liberals' waning fortunes, led to three successive minority governments that highlighted national tensions.

"Elections every year and a half, that's great for my business," said Mercer. "If you view politics as people view sports, elections are like the Super Bowl, and I want one every year."

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Scandals, strikes, storms in '09

Torontonians had lots to talk about this year, including lousy sports teams

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As the year draws to an end, we take a look back at some of top Toronto news stories of 2009:

• **Tornado:** The ferocious storm system that swept across the GTA on Aug. 20 caused two tornadoes in Vaughan, killed one person in Durham and left a path of destruction with downed power lines, flipped cars and homes without roofs. Dozens of flights at Pearson airport were also delayed due to the accompanying thunderstorms.

• **Civic Workers Strike:** When Toronto's civic workers, including garbage collectors, went on strike on June 22, just as the summer weather heated up, few thought it would last 39 days. And as the garbage piled high at designated dropoffs in parks across the city, leaving acrid, rotting trash to bake in the sun, residents got more frustrated. When the labour dispute was finally settled between the city and CUPE Locals 79 and 416, all Torontonians breathed a sigh of relief.

• **End of an Era for Miller:** At the end of September, David Miller announced, to many people's surprise, that he would not seek re-election for a third term as Toronto's mayor in 2010. Miller, who has served as mayor since 2003, cited the need to focus on his family and spend more time at home with wife Jill and teenaged children Julia and Simon.

• **Stephanie Rengel Murder Trial**: The two teens accused of the shocking murder of 14-year-old Stephanie Rengel on New Year's Day 2008 went on trial in March and both were found guilty.

In July, Melissa Todorovic — the 15-year-old behind the brazen stabbing of Rengel — was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility of parole for seven years. In September, her former boyfriend, David Bagshaw — who was 17 when he stabbed Rengel six times, leaving her to die in the snow outside her home — was sentenced as an adult to life in prison with no chance of parole for 10 years.

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Top: Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, centre, and Vaughan MPP Greg Sorbara, left, are shown the damage tornadoes did to Andrew Park by Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson on Aug. 21. One person died and many other people's homes were ripped apart. Bottom left: Former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant talks to the media outside the Toronto Police Traffic Services on Sept. 1. Bryant was charged with criminal negligence causing death and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death after a cyclist was killed. Bottom right: Actress Jennifer Garner was just one of many stars to come to town for the 35th annual Toronto International Film Festival in September.

• **Lousy Sports Teams:** Where shall we start? The Blue Jays finished the 2009 season with a losing record of 75 wins and 87 losses, repeating their fourth-place finish from 2008, while the Argonauts failed to make the playoffs finishing the season with a 3-15 record.

Needing a win on the last day of the season to make the playoffs for the first time in franchise history, Toronto FC instead laid an egg, losing 5-0.

Once a lacrosse powerhouse, the Toronto Rock missed the playoffs for the second straight year.

And the foundering Maple Leafs started the 2009-10 season with one of the worst starts in franchise history.

Enough said.

• **TIFF:** The 35th annual Toronto International Film Festival in September was bigger, better and glitzier than ever.

The 10-day festival screened 312 films from 64 countries and attracted some of the most prominent names in filmmaking to our city, including George Clooney, Jennifer Garner and Clive Owen.

• **Michael Bryant:** When news broke that former attorney general Michael Bryant had allegedly dragged 33-year-old cyclist Darcy Allan Sheppard to his death following an altercation on Aug. 31, it brought the issue of road rage to a whole new level for Torontonians. On Sept. 1, Bryant was charged with criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving causing death. He subsequently stepped down as the CEO of Invest Toronto. His criminal court case is scheduled to begin Jan. 22.

• **Swine Flu Death:** On Oct. 26, 13-year-old Evan Frustaglio died at St. Joseph's hospital of the H1N1 virus. His death sent waves of shock and fear across the city and thousands of people lined up for hours at vaccine clinics around the GTA to get their shot in the following days.

• **eHealth Scandal:** In May, it came to light that spending at eHealth — the government agency in charge of creating electronic health records for Ontarians — was out of control. The following month, eHealth's CEO, Sarah Kramer, was fired amid the controversy surrounding the spending scandal whereby millions of dollars were allegedly wasted on underused computer systems and untendered contracts.

In October, hours before the Ontario auditor's scathing report was made public, Ontario Health Minister David Caplan, resigned.

• **Mariam Makhniashvili:** The case of the missing 17-year-old has baffled both police and the public for nearly three months since Makhniashvili disappeared on her way to school on Sept. 14.

On Oct. 9, her backpack was found a few kilometres away, and on Dec. 2, the RCMP announced a reported sighting of the teen on Oct. 27 in Alberta. In the exhaustive search for the teen, Toronto police took unprecedented measures, canvassing thousands of homes in the teen's Forest Hill neighbourhood, questioning every student at her school and seizing dozens of computers from a public library.

Holiday events

Keep busy during the break

• **Boxing Day Special Fest**
Boxing Day to Dec. 30, The Garrison, 1197 Dundas St. W. The Garrison takes post-holiday bargains to new heights with its five-day, five-bands-per-night fest. With Isla Craig and Saffron Sect's old folksy styles balanced out by Vowls' pop-electro and The Guest Bedroom's dance-punk, these locals will have your ears ringing with the holiday spirit, in the best possible way.
See garrisontoronto.com for the full lineup.

• **The Stiff Wires**
Boxing Day, Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor St. W. After you've been thoroughly tenderized by pushy fellow shoppers, why not give a few shoves back at a sweaty punk show? Young, fast 'n' snotty Londonders (Ontario, that is) The Stiff Wires provide a fine soundtrack for throwing some 'bows.

• **What's In The Box?**
Boxing Day to Dec. 30, Drake Hotel, 1150 Queen St. W. The Drake wows us once again with a rock-solid line-up of local acts to save you from holiday boredom. On Sunday, bands like Bishop Morocco (featuring techno great Jake Fairley and ex-Deadly Snake/Tangiers member James Sayce) hook up with By Divine Right. Monday will see sets from D'Urbervilles and Great Bloomers.

• **Fred Eaglesmith**
Dec. 27 to 28, Hugh's Room, 2261 Dundas St. W. Not many things unite Toby Keith and Martin Scorsese, but Fred Eaglesmith is one of them. Covered by the country star and given kudos by the filmmaker, Eaglesmith has championed boho-hobo folk for two decades with plenty of accolades to show for it.

• **Old School Boxing Day Blowout**
Boxing Day, Footwork, 425 Adelaide St. W. Activate's fifth annual Old School Boxing Day event features an all-star cast who all contributed heavily to our once-massive rave scene. Returning this year is Mr. Chris Sheppard a.k.a. Dogwhistle. Also not to be missed are DJ/producers Kenny Glasgow and Mario J.

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The stories that shaped 2009

Year in Review

A look back at the top national and international news events of 2009:

JANUARY

15 — US Airways jet crash lands in Hudson River in New York City; all 155 on board survive and pilot Chesley Sullenberger is hailed as hero.

20 — Barack Obama is sworn in as U.S. president.

27 — Minority Conservative government delivers budget promising $40 billion in economic stimulus over two years.

FEBRUARY

9 — Syncrude Canada is charged with breaking environmental laws in the deaths of hundreds of waterfowl at tailing pond near Fort McMurray, Alta.

17 — Obama signs into law $787-billion US stimulus package.

MARCH

5 — Vincent Li is found not criminally responsible for beheading passenger on Greyhound bus in August 2008.

19 — Josef Fritzl of Austria, who locked his daughter in a dungeon for 24 years and fathered her seven children, is sentenced to life in a psychiatric ward.

APRIL

6 — Earthquake devastates Abruzzo region of central Italy, killing nearly 300 people.

20 — Tens of thousands of civilians flee Sri Lanka's northern war zone ahead of the government's deadline for Tamil militants to surrender.

30 — About 1,200 Halifax-area residents evacuated by brush fire.

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April 29 — A girl is seen outside Mexico's National Institute of Respiratory Diseases after being checked for H1N1. Canada reported its first confirmed cases three days earlier.

Oct. 15 — Authorities chase balloon for 80 kilometres after parents of six-year-old boy said he was inside; the drama turned out to be a hoax.

MAY

2 — Michael Ignatieff formally claims the Liberal leadership.

8 — Health authorities confirm Canada's first H1N1 death, a woman in northern Alberta.

20 — Two Woodstock, Ont., residents are charged in the death of Tori Stafford, 8; her body was found on July 19.

25 — Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean eats a piece of raw seal heart in Arctic. North Korea reports it successfully conducted an underground nuclear test.

JUNE

1 — General Motors files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in U.S.

11 — WHO declares H1N1 flu outbreak a pandemic.

12 — Iranians vote in presidential election that sparks massive protests.

22 — About 24,000 municipal workers in Toronto go on strike.

29 — Bernard Madoff is sentenced to 150 years behind bars for defrauding investors.

JULY

3 — Former Republican U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin quits as Alaska's governor.

8 — Chinese troops swarm the capital of western Xinjiang after ethnic riots leave at least 156 dead.

14 — Canada slaps visa requirements on citizens of Mexico and Czech Republic, citing surge in refugee claims.

30 — Cpl. Matthew Wilcox found guilty in the shooting of a fellow soldier.

AUGUST

7 — Settlement announced in class-action lawsuit filed over abuse by priests in Nova Scotia since 1950.

20 — Millions vote in Afghanistan's first democratic presidential election run by Afghans in decades.

SEPTEMBER

7 — Three British Muslim extremists are convicted of 2006 conspiracy to blow up airliners bound for U.S. and Canada using liquid explosives.

26 — Director Roman Polanski is arrested in Switzerland on a 1978 warrant for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

OCTOBER

9 — Obama is awarded Nobel Peace Prize.

22 — Quebec government announces police investigation into allegations of corruption in province's construction industry.

26 — Most provinces and territories begin offering H1N1 flu shots.

29 — Quebec and New Brunswick reach deal for Hydro-Quebec to buy majority of N.B. Power's assets for $4.8 billion.

NOVEMBER

2 — Afghan President Hamid Karzai is declared the victor of country's disputed election.

5 — Thirteen people are killed in shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, military base.

7 — U.S. House of Representatives narrowly passes landmark health-care reform bill.

18 — Former Canadian diplomat Richard Colvin tells Commons committee that prisoners were likely tortured after being handed by Canada to Afghan authorities in 2006-07.

25 — Canadian journalist Amanda Lindhout and an Australian colleague are freed 15 months after they were abducted in Somalia.

DECEMBER

1 — President Obama orders 30,000 more U.S. troops to be deployed in Afghanistan.

7 — UN conference on climate change gets underway in Copenhagen.

9 — MPs vote in favour of harmonized sales tax for Ontario and B.C.

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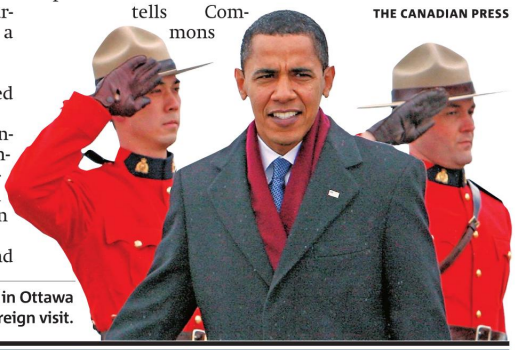

Feb. 19 — Barack Obama is in Ottawa on his first official foreign visit.

Remembering the fallen

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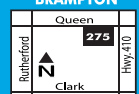

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Comment

Harper machine remains well-oiled

The recession never became a depression. We didn't have an election. Another Liberal leader was eaten alive. The Harper machine solidified its grip. The hope of never again going into deficit died a mighty death.

But the year couldn't compare to the hurly-burly of 2008, which featured the re-election of the Conservatives and their subsequent brush with death when a coalition almost ousted them. In 2009, we had lots of noise, lots of election threats, but no big change in the political standings.

There was some expectation that the ideological transition in the United States would trigger a liberal trend north of the border, but the Obama effect never came to pass. The young in this country stayed turned off and tuned out of politics, which depressingly has become a game for only the middle-aged and old folk.

The year began auspiciously for Michael Ignatieff, who replaced the wobbly Stéphane Dion. For the first half of 2009 he appeared capable of unseating Stephen Harper. But the tide began to turn against him when he put in a listless summer. He then made the disastrous mistake of trying to force an election without giving the voter any compelling reason, in terms of new policy initiatives, for doing so. His support level collapsed to levels Dion had not even reached.

Stephen Harper

The Conservatives, meanwhile, became heavy-spending Keynesians, combatting the recession with old-time liberal religion. Recessions usually give life to the political left, but the Greens were unable to increase their support while the NDP made few gains.

Harper maintained his image as a shrewd and crude political strategist, using every trick to smear his rivals and block them from legitimate avenues of inquiry. He then turned the tables on his image as a cold, calculating leader by taking to the stage to perform a piano-and-song rendition of a Beatles number. It was a media sensation.

By year's end problems were accumulating for the Conservatives. Their inaction on global warming was denounced at home and abroad. The Afghanistan detainees affair saw them trying to fight off charges of a coverup. And having promised no deficits 13 months earlier, their books were now forecasting a whopping deficit of $60 billion.

Nevertheless, with the Opposition Liberals still appearing rather hapless, the Conservatives were well in command to begin their fifth year as a minority government. Minorities aren't supposed to last so long. Stephen Harper was defying the odds.

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Views

Hot issues for the year that lies ahead

It's that time of year again, when columnists are faced with two choices: Look back and pick the top stories or events that shaped the year just passed, or look ahead and predict what's coming down the pike.

The former is safer ground. That stuff actually happened. But it's more fun lurching into the future, and why worry? No one ever remembers if you're right or wrong.

So onward! Here are Sullivan's Fearless Predictions for 2010! Guaranteed to come true!

Or not.

• Canada will get off the snide and actually win a few Olympic gold medals on home turf in Vancouver. But not as many as we like. When the women's curling favourite is someone called Binyu Wang, it's clear the rest of the world is learning how to play in the snow, too.

"Global Warning. Not a typo. The British Met office predicts 2010 will be the hottest year ever, hotter than 1998."

• Tiger Woods will be a lonely guy in 2010. And worth half as much. He may be the athlete of the decade, but that doesn't cut any ice at home. He had it all, but wanted more. The upside? He will have more time for golf with the ex-wife and kids barricaded on an island in Sweden. So he'll be playing the field, and by that I mean other guys in plaid pants.

• Greed is not so good: The price of gold will go below $1,000 US an ounce. I love this quote from Warren Buffett, the second richest man in America: "Gold gets dug out of the ground in Africa, or someplace. Then we melt it down, dig another hole, bury it again and pay people to stand around guarding it. It has no utility. Anyone watching from Mars would be scratching their head."

• Stephen Harper will still be prime minister this time next year unless a miracle occurs and Michael Ignatieff gets his head out of his, um … book. But Harper should keep an eye on Jean Charest. As they say about New York, if you can make it in Quebec, you can make it anywhere.

• Global Warning. Not a typo. The British Met office predicts 2010 will be the hottest year ever, hotter than 1998. Glaciers will continue to melt. Oceans will continue to rise. Deniers will continue to deny. But you better hurry and book that Florida vacation — if this keeps up, 50 per cent of its beaches will be underwater.

• We will not find other life in the universe in 2010. Wouldn't it be weird if we're the only ones? It would serve us right.

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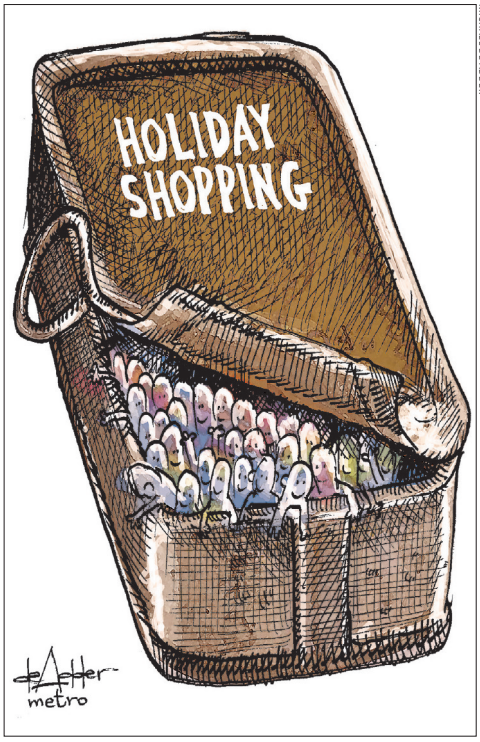

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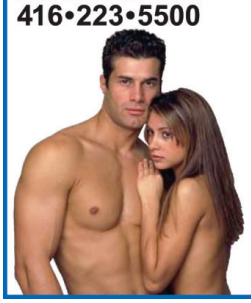
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Sports

Jimmie Johnson is the first driver in NASCAR history to win four straight titles.

Athletes of the year

Jimmie Johnson, Serena Williams top of the class in 2009

JIMMIE JOHNSON

There was little recognition outside the racing world when Jimmie Johnson won his first NASCAR championship.

Same with his second, and again with his third.

But four straight championships? That's a different story.

Johnson, the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive titles, earned mainstream recognition this week when he was honoured as the Male Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press.

Johnson received 42 votes from editors at U.S. newspapers which are members of the AP. Tennis star Roger Federer (30 votes) and Olympic sprinter Usain Bolt (29) were the only other athletes with totals in the double-digits.

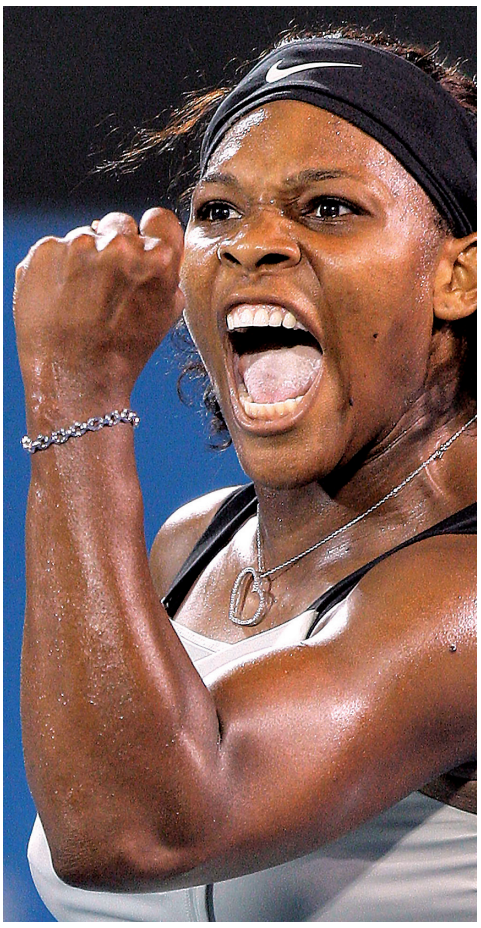
Although Tiger Woods was named Athlete of the Decade, the golfer received only nine votes for Athlete of the Year. He was tied with NBA star Kobe Bryant and slugger Albert Pujols.

For Johnson, the first racecar driver to be named the AP's Athlete of the Year in its 78-year history, the award is the validation he's been waiting for since he began his historic run in 2006.

"We'd been wondering the last few years, 'When is this going to hit?'" he said. "It seems like the answer is now. The wave is finally peaking, and we don't know where it's going to take us.

"The fourth-straight title takes it out of our sport and makes it a point of discussion — like, 'Wow, a race car driver won this thing.'"

The 34-year-old Californian again schooled the competition, winning four of his seven races.


Serena Williams also earned the AP honour in 2002.

SERENA WILLIAMS

Playing her best at the most important events, American Serena Williams re-established herself as the top player in women's tennis in 2009 and was a landslide choice as Female Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press.

Williams received 66-of-158 votes cast by editors at U.S. newspapers that are members of the AP. No other candidate got more than 18 votes in the tally, which was announced this week.

Clearly, Williams' most infamous on-court episode — a tirade directed at a line judge after a foot-fault call near the end of her U.S. Open semifinal loss in September — didn't hurt her standing in the eyes of the voters.

"People realize that I'm a great player, and one moment doesn't define a person's career," Williams told the AP. "And I was right, for the most part: It wasn't right the way I reacted — I never said it was — but I was right about the call."

Williams, who is based in Florida, also won the AP award in 2002, a seven-year gap that is the longest between AP Female Athlete of the Year honours since golf's Patty Berg won in 1943 and 1955.

"I'm just happy and blessed to even be playing seven years later," Williams said. "In 2002, I just was really dominant, and ... I just brought that back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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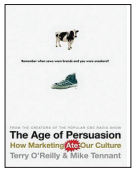


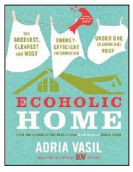
The Age of Persuasion: How Marketing Ate Our Culture

Author: Terry O'Reilly & Mike Tennant
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: $34.95 (Hardcover)

Penned by the creators of the CBC Radio program The Age of Persuasion, the book of the same title explores advertising in an attempt to demystify the medium and explain the strategies various ad forms use to capture our attention.

The authors explore branding, jingles, celebrity endorsements, YouTube's relationship with marketing and many other phenomena since advertising's early days, deconstructing the implanted motivations and quashing misconceptions, like the belief advertisers intentionally make irritating spots to stay memorable.

Splashed with sidebars explaining advertising terms and key moments in marketing history, The Age of Persuasion will turn you from ad target to active engager.



Ecoholic Home

Author: Adria Vasil
Publisher: Vintage Canada
Price: $24.95 (Paperback)

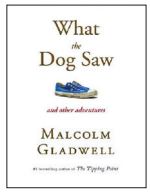
Book Picks of the Year

Whether choosing a cleaning product, fixing a broken window or buying new appliances, gauging the greenest household applications can be a challenge given the research and variety of resources available.

In Ecoholic Home, Adria Vasil centralizes her ecosmarts, based on her column Ecoholic for Toronto alternative weekly Now Magazine.

The book expands upon Vasil's regular doses of green living tips, from the kitchen, through the garden, to the garage. Part product guide, part practice handbook, Ecoholic Home provides both do-it-yourself and store-bought solutions to wastefulness and environmental harm while promoting individual health.

Using accessible language and an organized layout, Vasil's guide is a useful companion for every eco-conscious consumer.



What the Dog Saw

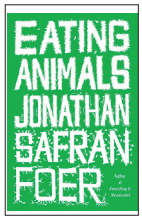
Author: Malcolm Gladwell
Publisher: Little, Brown
Price: $34.99 (Hardcover)

Following the success of his first three books The Tipping Point, Blink and Outliers, Canadian essayist and New Yorker regular Malcolm Gladwell compiles some of his finest published pieces in What the Dog Saw.

The collection includes the lesser-known histories of figures like kitchen gadget guru Ron Popeil and John Rock, creator of the pill.

It also includes Gladwell's varied investigations, from the singularity of ketchup to the overall failings of statistical prognosis.

While not always rooted in traditional scientific reasoning, Gladwell's novel methods of bridging two seemingly unrelated ideas and exploring the fantastic sides of the familiar are entertainingly written in his always refreshing, studied approach.



Eating Animals

Author: Jonathan Safran Foer
Publisher: Little, Brown & Company
Price: $31.99 (Hardcover)

From the author of Everything is Illuminated comes a memoir-cum-investigation into food habits, motivated by Jonathan Safran Foer's contemplation about which diet he should raise his son on.

The book follows Foer both into an industrial turkey farm where the animals are being reared in disturbing conditions and a humane farm, where he realizes animals need not suffer in the pre-slaughter.

Though his conclusion is ill defined, it reflects the multifaceted natures of arguments for and against eating meat.

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Boxing Day is a great time to pick up those cool tidbits of gadget heaven that you already have in mind. Here are a few goodies to consider during the inevitable shopping rush:

UNDER $100:
Bodyguard Cinema iPhone Case - $34.99

The iPhone certainly isn't known for being one of the sturdiest contraptions, meaning some sort of protective case is necessary if you're at all clumsy. Belkin's Bodyguard Cinema takes away the need to find something to prop up your iPhone every time you want to sit back and enjoy a video because it has a kickstand built right into the body of the case.

Logitech Anywhere MX Mouse - $89.99

For the truly bohemian computer user, the Anywhere MX Mouse is a wireless, laser mouse that literally works anywhere, on any surface even including glass, that longtime nemesis of laser mice.

UNDER $200:
DJ Hero for Nintendo Wii - $129.99

DJ Hero is a ton of fun and really adds a fresh twist to the music-timing game genre by recreating the feel of being a real DJ in a way that doesn't feel egregiously out of whack with reality.

Gigabit Powerline HD adapter - $149 - $179

If you want to stream HD video from your computer the he Gigabit Powerline HD adapter wins big points for being extremely simple. The system uses two small adapters that plug directly into wall sockets with one connecting to your Internet router and the other into devices like computers, TVs and gaming consoles. The latest firmware updates, which strengthen the signal when broadcasting between rooms.

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Punta Cana New Years Eve	Travel Dec 31 - Jan 7/5g	$138 + taxes & fees $321
London	Travel Jan 22 - Feb 5/ts	$149 + taxes & fees $395
Vancouver	Travel Jan 27/ac	one-way $179 + taxes & fees $65
Montego Bay	Travel Jan 7 - Jan 14/c6	$189 + taxes & fees $268
New York	Travel Jan 25 - Feb 1/aa	$229 + taxes & fees $113
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Movies

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Boxing Day sales? Try a few favourite DVDs

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Movies: Necessary for stress reduction after frantic Christmas responsibilities (and a New Year's Day hangover), or other occasions when a time-killer is essential.

Boxing Day: A great time to get those timeless flicks you'll watch enough to think you can actually wear out a DVD — on sale.

Why not unite the two? While you're out bargain hunting today, here are some DVDs you should consider buying for entertainment during staycations, rainy weekends, sick days and other times in the year when you may not want to leave your couch.

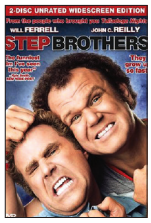
HOLIDAY

A CHRISTMAS STORY — The tale of a boy and his desired gift, a BB gun that "will shoot your eye out, kid" is reminiscent of at least one festive mishap we've all had.

COMEDY

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF — Who hasn't lived through Bueller vicariously? This is the ultimate goof-off movie for days when going to work makes us feel like Sisyphus pushing that boulder uphill all over again.

STEP BROTHERS — Even grown-ups need a no-brainer movie occasionally. Mission accomplished as two 40 year-olds act like rude toddlers. Dumb fun not suitable for, well, some adults, to be honest.



ACTION/DRAMA

ANGELS & DEMONS — The prequel to author Dan Brown's The DaVinci Code is another church-meets-state thriller starring who-could-hate-him Tom Hanks and made renegade-style by who-could-hate-him director Ron Howard. Who could hate it?

THE DARK KNIGHT — Anti-hero central. Batman's not so cutesy, The Joker is a total badass. Don't argue.

HORROR

DEAD SNOW — Innovating on the greats (Evil Dead, Dead Alive), this indie flick turned global success finds teens fighting Nazi zombies in a Norwegian cabin. As hilarious as it is gory.

FAMILY

UP — The name Pixar (Cars, Monsters Inc.) proves this film's merit alone. But even then, it's a heart-warming tale involving talking dogs, flying houses and life lessons capable of jerking tears from grumbly dads.

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS — Boasting both an adorable character in gelatinous dimwit blob B.O.B. and a surprising homage to classic '50s B flicks, this is an enduring winner.

TELEVISION

PUSHING DAISIES, SEASON 1 — A baker able to bring the dead back to life for one minute — longer if someone else dies in their place — resuscitates his childhood love. Insanity ensues and yes, it gets weirder. Comedy? Yup. Drama? Certainly. Indelibly interesting? Hot damn!

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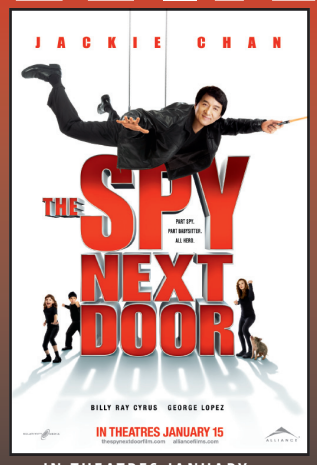

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Health & Beauty

Resolve to improve your love life in 2010

The J Spot

Josey Vogels

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This is the time of year when we start thinking about doing things differently next year. But why limit your resolutions to the classics, like quitting smoking or going to the gym? Make 2010 the year you do things differently when it comes to love!

Single?

Work on yourself before getting involved with someone new. Yes, a new relationship can be a great way to get over someone until you realize the fantastic new person you thought "was nothing like that last one" is suddenly exactly like the last one and the one thing they both share in common is you!

Trust your instincts. He didn't call when he said he would … again. She says she's totally over her ex so I'm sure those daily phone calls from him don't mean anything. It's easy to overlook bad behaviour when you're falling for someone and desperately want things to work out but by trusting your gut early on, you'll save yourself the tearful, angry, "In hindsight, I should have seen the signs" conversations with your friends when the person eventually breaks your heart.

In a relationship? Listen. Stop worrying about being right and really listen to what your partner is saying. Imagine there is a bouncing ball (like in the cartoons) over your partner's words. Then follow the bouncing ball, to ensure you're really focusing on what he or she is saying and not simply busy formulating a rebuttal.

Speak up! About your sexual needs, desires, and frustrations (in a loving and kind way, of course). Encourage your partner to do the same.

Start a weekly sexual revelation ritual: You show me one thing you like or don't like and I'll show you mine.

Indulge your partner. Do something that they're into more than you are (either in bed or out). Not only does indulging your partner make them feel special and loved, you may surprise yourself and discover things you never knew you'd get into. And bonus, your partner will be more likely to indulge you right back.

Remember: Quality over quantity. Stop reading all those surveys that make you think everyone else is having way more sex than you are. Who cares if the Joneses are doing it seven times a week and twice on Sunday?

One, they're probably lying; and two, it's like looking at models in a fashion magazine: You'll never feel adequate. Are you two happy with your frequency? The quality?

If you're not, talk about it and figure something out. If you are, I don't care how often you're doing it and neither should the two of you.

Here's to better loving in 2010!

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Want some arugula with that?

HEALTHY FOOD This was the decade of the gourmeting of America, an era when cola wars and burger battles made way for artisanal sodas and grass-fed beef, when coffee went from a cup of Joe to a double shot-half-caff-soy-latte, ethnic was de rigueur and local became the new global.

It was a fine time to be a foodie. Not that everything exactly whet the appetite. Contaminated produce and soaring food prices turned our stomachs. And we lost some of the luminaries and institutions — Julia Child and Gourmet magazine — that had worked so diligently to brighten our meals.

More than ever before, issues long treated as the mushy peas on the collective American dinner plate — organics, local and sustainable agriculture, animal welfare — were getting sirloin-style treatment.

Walmart embraced organics — a $21-billion US industry, up from $3.6 billion in 1997 — a decision that broadened access but that critics feared would dilute the industry's standards.

Eating became a political act. Whether prompted by concerns about the quality of school lunches, climate change or worker conditions in the Third World, more Americans started to vote with their stomachs. Suddenly, the carbon footprint of your carrots was an issue.

Slow Food, a highly politicized Italian-born movement dedicated to preserving artisanal and sustainable foods, made its first major foray into the U.S. in 2008. It sputtered shortly after, but that such a Euro-centric group even made it on the American scene is remarkable.

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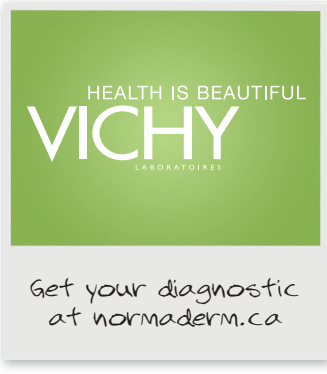

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Health & Beauty

How to choose healthy food over the holidays

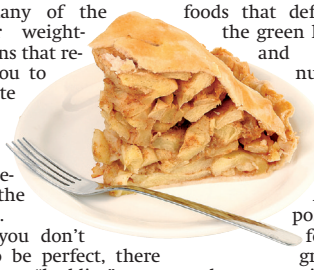
CELIA MILNE
for Metro Canada

As the holiday season heats up, there's no need to get stressed about what you can and can't eat. Keep it simple, follow some basic guidelines, but don't sweat the details.

"Healthy eating is far easier than you might think," reports Dr. Frank Sacks, professor of cardiovascular disease prevention in the Nutrition Department at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, Mass. In Harvard's booklet Healthy Eating, Sacks and colleagues outline the best ways to maintain your weight and fend off heart disease, hypertension, osteoporosis and some forms of cancer.

"Are there foods you should never eat?" they ask. "Not really. No matter how laden with saturated or trans fats, how devoid of nutrients or how high its glycemic load, there's no food you can't eat occasionally." In the spirit of the season, if you crave candy cane ice cream, a pastry at the office party, or chips from the buffet, that's OK every now and then, but make sure to choose healthier snacks at home.

"Healthy eating is not like many of the popular weight-loss plans that require you to eliminate certain foods entirely," report the authors.



While you don't have to be perfect, there are some "baddies" you should eat only rarely. On the Harvard list of foods to keep to a minimum: red meat, high-fat dairy foods, sugary treats such as candy, drinks with added sugar, donuts and pastries such as cookies, pies, and high-fat muffins.

Balancing this out are foods that definitely get the green light: fruits and vegetables, nuts, fish, poultry, eggs and low-fat dairy products. As much as possible, go for whole grain breads and pastas instead of white, brown rice instead of white, and less-processed grains such as steel-cut oats. Oil can be healthy, if you use plant oils such as olive, sunflower, canola and other vegetable oils.

Here's to happy, healthy eating.

Drink away a hangover

ALCOHOL We spoke with two health professionals to gather advice on how to best conquer the dreaded hangover."Drink lots of water," advises Dr. Cameron Barr, a family physician who works with the homeless at the Boyle McCauley Health Centre in Edmonton. "Not only will it help with the dehydration, but if you alternate booze and water, you'll wind up drinking less over the course of the night and have less of a hangover…

"Another good idea is to have a full stomach; digesting food slows down your absorption of alcohol, allowing your body to process the alcohol over a longer period of time."

Dr. Tammy Grime is a Doctor of Naturopathic medicine in Toronto. "Always rehydrate with lots of water, electrolytes and a touch of honey to replenish what is lost and to bring your blood sugar back up," she says. "Use a runner's drink like Endurolite … rather than Gatorade."

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Family dinner is done, time to look after yourself

Find all the beauty products you need to relax and unwind after the hectic holidays

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

So you asked for a professional flat iron and he got you... an iron. Well, fixing that gift-blunder yourself is what Boxing Day is for, especially when it comes to stocking up on beauty treats.

"We've noticed that men go straight for the electronics department, and while they're checking out big-screen TVs and Wii units, the women head for the beauty department," says Wayne Peterson, divisional vice president of cosmetics and fragrance for Sears Canada, about post-Dec. 25 shopping.

"Women have spent the holidays looking after everyone else; this is the time they needs to look after themselves."

Understandably, bath sets and spa collections in particular are big attractions. But it's not all about what didn't sell before the holidays — enticements include travel and trial-size sets from brands such as Shiseido, Estée Lauder and Clinique, brought in specially for the Boxing-Day shopping stretch into early January.

"Informally, we call this time for women 'All About Me,'" says Peterson. "Our sales advisors keep that in mind as they help customers find everything they need to pamper themselves."

Haircare and styling tools are also hot commodities, and should be even more so in Sears' new-concept beauty departments at Square One in Mississauga, Ont., and Mapleview Centre in Burlington, Ont.

In place of traditional beauty counters are spacious aisles and open shelving, as well as compact demo stations where customers can sit for a cosmetics application or learn how to augment hairstyles with Ken Paves Hairdo extensions.

According to Rhonda Sorenson, beauty boutique manager at The Ritz location of Shoppers Drug Mart in downtown Vancouver, fragrance, hair and bath-and-body products are a huge draw at drugstores on Dec. 26.

"Customers also come looking for anything Quo Holiday, and for the skincare and haircare value sets that come out just before the 25th," Sorenson says.

Just as in the department stores, watch for special sampler kits from Biotherm, Lise Watier and Elizabeth Arden, for instance, which are worth significantly more than the purchase price.

"Occasionally, prestige fragrance companies will offer limited-edition 30-mL bottle sizes for under $25," she adds.

But don't expect many festive gift sets to wait around until the big sales. "Makeup collections like the Lancôme Juicy Tubes Holiday Set of eight glosses — those go before Christmas," confirms Sorensen.

"But you might find other pre-holiday sets from then that are further discounted."

And if you're in a forgiving mood, you'll clean up on men's skincare starter kits, too.

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Celebrity Buzz

2009: The year of celebrity deaths

Year in Review

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Headliners in life and death, the many stars who died this past year were a sure hit to the Hollywood community.

While some were shrouded in controversy, and others premature accidents, their deaths permeated international media, marking one last moment in the limelight.

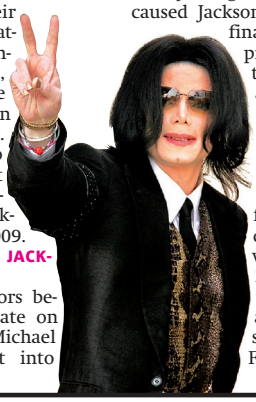
Here, Metro looks back at the names-in-lights that flickered out in 2009.

MICHAEL JACKSON

When rumors began to circulate on June 25 that Michael Jackson went into cardiac arrest at his home, the whole world speculated whether the King of Pop was hanging up his crown for good.

It would only be hours before the 50-year-old pop star's death was confirmed, an event that graced the front pages of newspapers everywhere and brought the Internet to a crawl.

Autopsies concluded homicide prompted by a deadly drug combination caused Jackson's death, a final puzzling piece in the troubled artist's life.



FARRAH FAWCETT

Surely the year's darkest day for the celebrity world, June 25 also saw the death of actress and sex symbol Farrah Fawcett at 62.

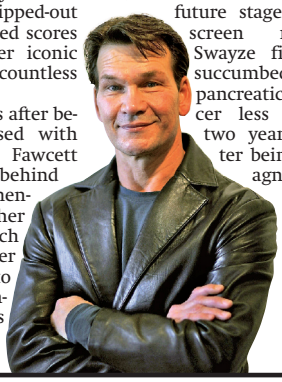
Despite coming to fame as one of the original Charlie's Angels and winning several Golden Globes and Emmy awards, her cultural influence extended well beyond acting. Fawcett's flipped-out hairstyle inspired scores of women; her iconic pinup poster, countless men.

Three years after being diagnosed with anal cancer, Fawcett died, leaving behind video documentation of her battle, which was later turned into the documentary Farrah's Story.

PATRICK SWAYZE

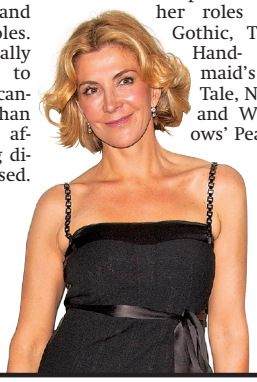
Cancer also claimed celebrated actor Patrick Swayze on Sept. 14, about one month after his 57th birthday. Swayze chassé his way into the spotlight with his role as a dance instructor in the 1987 film Dirty Dancing, which inspired a stage musical, reality TV show and video game.

His co-starring role in the 1990 film Ghost earned him respect as a serious actor, which influenced his future stage and screen roles. Swayze finally succumbed to pancreatic cancer less than two years after being diagnosed.



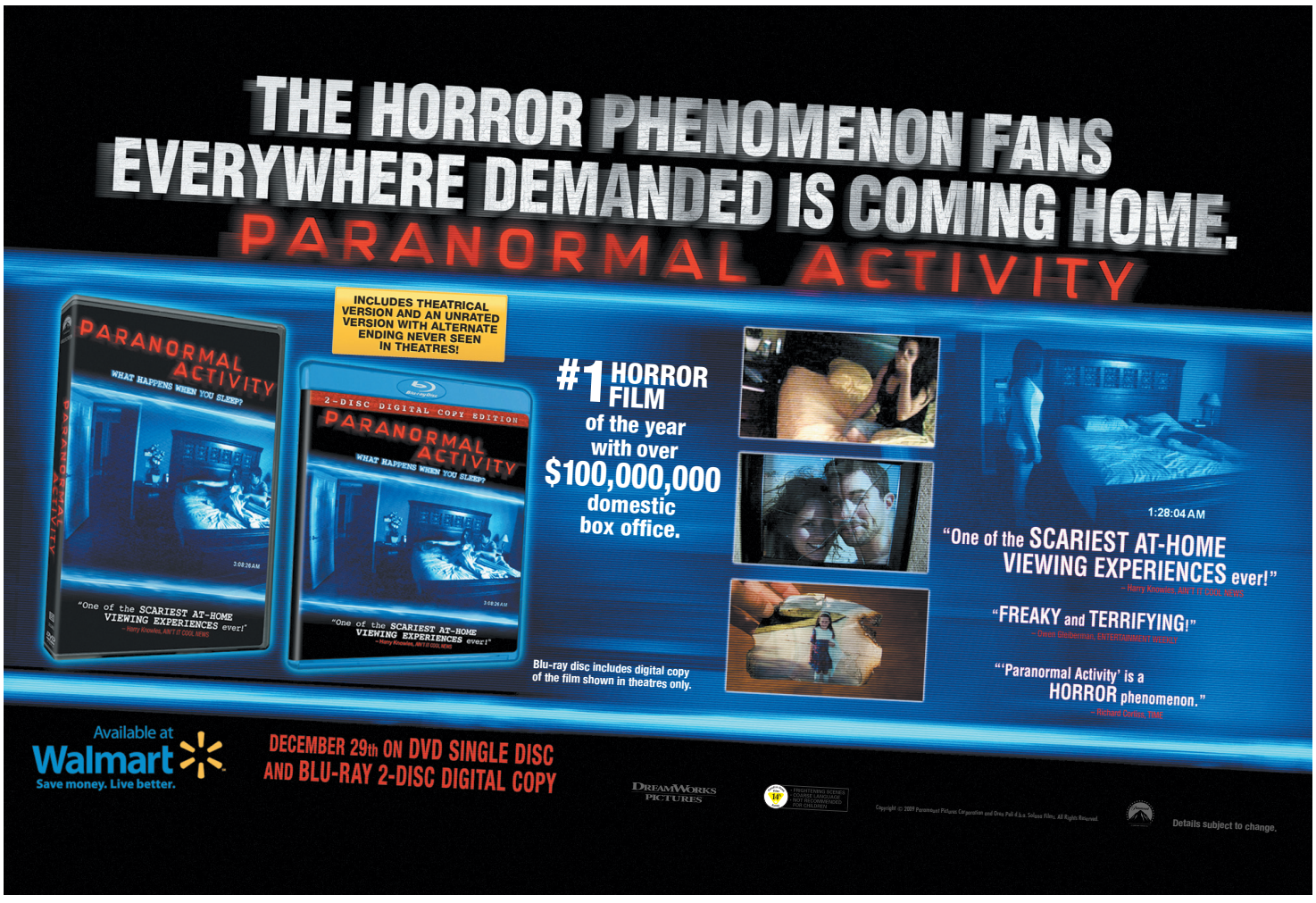
NATASHA RICHARDSON

After an accidental fall and resulting head injury during a skiing lesson at a Mont Tremblant, Que., resort, English actress Natasha Richardson died on March 14 at 45. Daughter of famed actress Vanessa Redgrave and British new wave auteur Tony Richardson, and wife of actor Liam Neeson, Richardson was a respected actress in her own right. A performer on stage and screen, she was praised for her roles in Gothic, The Handmaid's Tale, Nell and Widows' Peak.



Notable 2009 celebrity deaths

- Mar. 22 – Jade Goody, 27, reality TV star (cancer)
- April 25 – Bea Arthur, 86, actress (cancer)
- June 3 – David Carradine, 72, actor (autoerotic asphyxiation)
- June 28 – Billy Mays, 50, TV pitchman (heart disease)
- July 17 — Walter Cronkite, 92, broadcaster (cerebral vascular disease)
- Aug. 6 – John Hughes, 59, filmmaker (heart failure)
- Aug. 28 – Adam (DJ AM) Goldstein, 36, disc jockey (accidental drug overdose)
- Sept. 16 – Mary Travers, 70, singer, Peter Paul & Mary (chemotherapy complications)
- Oct. 10 – Stephen Gately, 33, singer, Boyzone (natural causes)
- Dec. 20 — Brittany Murphy, 32, actress (cardiac arrest)



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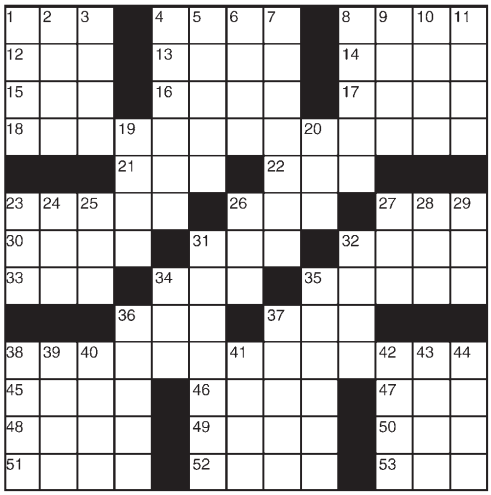

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8 Advantage
12 Actress Thurman
13 Needle case
14 Cozy corner
15 Hoover's org.
16 Word of warning
17 Sand formation
18 Very bright color
21 Prompt
22 Londoner's letter
23 Honey bunch?
26 Lustrous black
27 "See ya"
30 Indiana city
31 Answer to the Sphinx's riddle
32 Disposition
33 Copper head?
34 "— the ramparts ..."
35 Less
36 Lisa Simpson's instrument
37 Skedaddled
38 Youth group that went co-ed in 1975
45 Hodgepodge
46 Annual fashion award
47 A billion years
48 Crazy
49 Largest of the seven
50 Past
51 Option from Howie Mandel
52 — -do-well
53 Morning moisture

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2 Both (Prefix)
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4 Liturgical hymn
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6 Breather?
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8 Over and done with
9 Sullen
10 Vanished
11 Supplemented, with "out"
19 Beige
20 Trawler gear
23 Resort
24 Symbol of intrigue
25 "All the Things You —"
26 Discordance
27 "— voyage!"
28 Thee
29 Mag. staffers
31 Popular foreign cuisine
32 Revealing skirt
34 Lummox
35 Hungarian
36 Reel
37 Tend a stubborn ribbon
38 Freezing
39 Lotion additive
40 Isinglass, e.g.
41 Got up
42 Peruse
43 Theater box
44 Winter forecast

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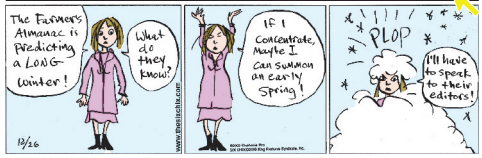

Metro Recipe of the Day

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2 tbsp (25 mL) clear honey
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METHOD:
1. Put shortbread biscuits in plastic bag and crush coarsely using rolling pin. Tip into bowl and mix with toasted hazelnuts and honey.
2. Mix bananas and apricots into yogurt and divide among four bowls. Top with biscuit, nut and honey mixture. Serve at once.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If someone tries to lay the blame for some kind of failure at your door you must let them know that you reject the accusation that it is all your fault.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something you have believed in since you were young will be called into question over the next few days and you may be tempted to abandon it.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
As Mercury, your ruler, turns retrograde this weekend, if you overlook an error, deliberate or otherwise, it could be costly.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If there is something important you need to say to a loved one, say it immediately. It won't be so easy to say it tomorrow.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Hide your feelings about the people you are working with and get on with a job that can only be completed successfully if you pull together.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
As Mercury, your ruler, turns retrograde today you won't be popular if you cannot deliver. Don't let your enthusiasm carry you away.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Make it your aim to cheer up someone who is feeling a bit depressed this weekend. Remind them that living is supposed to be fun.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Get up, get out and start doing the things that will take you from where you are now to where you want to be in the not too distant future.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You need to make up your mind about an offer and you need to do so quickly. If you put it off any longer the offer may be withdrawn.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Mercury turns retrograde in your sign this weekend, so if there is something you need to say then say it now while the words still come easy to you.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may appear to others as if you never have self-doubts but you suffer from indecision as much as anyone and that will be more evident than usual.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your ideas and opinions are about to undergo a radical change. What you believe now will not be what you believe early in 2010.

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Limited time finance offers available from Toyota Financial Services on approved credit. License, registration, PPSA, insurance, applicable fees and taxes are extra. MSRP of a new 2010 Corolla (Model BU42EMA), 2010 Matrix (Model KU4EEMA) and 2010 RAV4 (Model ZF4DVPA) is $15,260/$16,440/$24,345 plus freight and PDE of $1,320/$1,320/$1,490. Tax for fuel conservation is $75 for Matrix. ‡0%/0%/1.9% finance APR equals $424/$457/$697 per month for 36/36/36 months. Cost of borrowing is $0/$0/$747 for a total obligation of $15,260/$16,440/$25,092. ‡‡2.9%/2.9% lease APR for 48/48 months on a new 2010 Corolla (Model BU42EMA) and 2010 Matrix (Model KU4EEMA). When you apply the $1,000/$1,000 Customer Incentive monthly payment is $149/$149 with a $1,750/$2,500 down payment or trade equivalent, and first monthly payment due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is $8,923/$9,650 plus freight and PDE of $1,320/$1,320. Based on a maximum of 96,000/96,000 KMS. Additional KM charge of $.07/$.07 for excess kilometres if applicable. ‡‡$1,000/$1,000 Customer Incentive offer valid on retail delivery of new 2010 Corolla and 2010 Matrix when financed, leased or purchased from an Ontario Toyota dealership. Vehicle must be registered and delivered between December 1 and January 4, 2010. ‡‡2.9% lease APR for 48 months on a new 2010 RAV4 (Model ZF4DVPA). Monthly payment is $259 with a $3,621 down payment or trade equivalent, and first monthly payment due at lease inception. Total lease obligation is $16,653 plus freight and PDE of $1,490. Based on a maximum of 96,000 KMS. Additional KM charge of $.10 for excess kilometres if applicable. ‡‡‡Make No Payments for 120 days when you purchase finance a new unregistered Toyota vehicle through Toyota Financial Services. Offer applies on approved credit to retail customers who purchase and take delivery from stock of a new unregistered 2010 Toyota vehicle between December 1, 2009 and January 4, 2010. Interest accrues from the first monthly payment date. ◆Complimentary Job Loss Credit Protection is offered by Toyota Credit Canada Inc. ("Toyota Credit" or "TCI") and available to eligible retail customers who purchase or lease one of the following vehicles through TFS between December 1, 2009 and January 4, 2010: new and demonstrator Corolla, Matrix and RAV4 models. The program provides up to $10,000 in credit protection to consumers who suffer an unexpected job loss during the term of their lease or financing contract, provide proof that they are collecting unemployment benefits and return their vehicle to their Toyota dealer. Excludes charges for excess wear and tear, excess kilometres, unrepaired damages and similar charges. Program only applies to natural persons, over the age of 18, who suffer involuntary (unemployment (as defined in the contract) and who meet the other eligibility criteria. Program does not apply to corporations, companies, associations, self-employed people, seasonal employees, employees of TFS or employees under a fixed term contract. Eligible consumers will be required to make regular monthly payments while their claim is evaluated. Further conditions and limitations apply. For complete details, ask your Toyota dealer. †These estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. The actual fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. Refer to the Government of Canada publication EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide. All rights are reserved. Dealer may sell/lease for less. Quantities of certain vehicles are limited and dealer trade may be required. Dealer trade availability may also be limited and will vary by model. Offers valid between December 1 and January 4, 2010 and are subject to change without notice. Please see your participating Toyota Dealer for full details.